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LETTER DATED 8 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

First, let me once again express to you my highest consideration.

In conjunction with the previous letter of Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic of 5 February 1994 (S/1994/124) to Your Excellency, we would like to re-emphasize our call for an emergency session of the Security Council with a formal meeting and the opportunity for open debate to the Member States of the United Nations.

Pursuant to resolutions 824 (1993) and 836 (1993), the United Nations Security Council has already adopted the necessary mandate and authority for "Member States, acting nationally or through regional organizations or arrangements" to "take the necessary measures, including the use of force, in reply to bombardments against the safe areas". In this context, NATO is obliged to act in accordance with the responsibilities and obligations delegated to it by the United Nations and the Member States thereof. In response to the continuing siege of Sarajevo and the unprecedented bombardments of Friday, 4 February and Saturday, 5 February, the Member States should have the opportunity to examine and evaluate, in an open debate of the Security Council, what steps have been undertaken or are contemplated by NATO having assumed the authority and responsibilities delegated to it by the United Nations.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
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